

REMARKS

Claims 56-65 and 67-75 are in the application. Claims 56 and 71 are independent.

Claims 62, 67-69 and 75 have been amended and claim 66 has been canceled, in accordance with the discussion in the telephone interview with the Examiner on July 14, 2005. In addition, a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/050,196 is also enclosed. Any fees deemed necessary in connection with the submission of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0409.

The changes to claims 62 and 75 substitute more general nomenclature for the previous recitation of "TRIS" in those claims. The term now used in these claims was suggested by the Examiner and is used in the present specification. The term "approximately" has been deleted from the pH limitations in claims 67-69. The applicant has acquiesced in the Examiner's request to eliminate that word from those claims because it is believed that the claims are still entitled to a reasonable range of variation from the exact values in the claims under established principles of claim interpretation. Finally, claim 66 has been canceled because the Examiner raised the issue of support for its subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 112, para. 1. While the applicant does not necessarily agree that claim 66 is not supported, it has been canceled in the interest of obtaining early allowance of the present application.

This Supplemental Amendment is presented in accordance with the telephone interview with the Examiner on July 14, 2005, in which the Examiner indicated that the above claim changes, and submission of a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/050,196, would place the application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests allowance thereof with claims 56-65 and 67-75.

Any fees due on account of this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0409.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, she is requested to telephone the applicant's undersigned attorney.

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